

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	9708	Agenda Number	41.
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Meeting Date:	October 6, 2011
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award and execution of a contract through the United States General Services Administration (GSA) with INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY, Deerfield Beach, FL, for the purchase of one surveillance van for the Austin Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$187,139.40.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available from the United States Department of Justice, Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Cooperative Purchase
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Prior Council Action:	April 23, 2009 City Council approved resolution 20090423-034 authorizing the acceptance of the recovery grant funds.
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For More Information:	Sharon Patterson, Senior Buyer/972-4014
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Boards and Commission Action:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Cooperative Purchase is exempt from the MBE /WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

This contract is for the purchase of one new surveillance van to be assigned to the Austin Police Department's Organized Crime Division.

The Organized Crime Division will utilize the van in both mobile and stationary operations to gather intelligence on illegal narcotic trafficking, human trafficking, and transnational gang activity. The Organized Crime Division includes the Gang, Narcotics, Human Trafficking, and Vice units. The van will also be used to support both Federal and State agencies who partner with the Austin Police Department.

This van will be powered by E85 flex fuel, meaning it can operate on a blend of 85% ethanol with 15% gasoline. E85 provides roughly a 15% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions relative to gasoline.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. These criteria are applied to all vehicles and equipment submitted to Fleet for purchase.

This vehicle has been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, Chief of Police, and the Assistant City Manager (ACM). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

International Surveillance Technology is under contract through the United States General Services Administration, Schedule 84 to supply this type of vehicle to other public entities nationwide as a result of a competitive bid issued by the Federal Supply Services.

The Purchasing Office conducted an analysis to determine that the International Surveillance Technology GSA contract was the best value to the City. This contract offered the lowest price and is able to provide equipment that fully meets the needs of the Police Department. Utilizing GSA contracts provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest opportunity to place the City's equipment order.